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**Special Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program for Israeli Students for the coming academic year**

**(Sponsored by the President, Rector and VP for Research and Development)**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is launching a special fellowship program for post-doctoral candidates who have been prevented from starting their post-doctoral research abroad due to the Coronavirus pandemic. **Up to ten fellowships (with a duration of 6-12 months) will be awarded** with a starting date of 1/10/2020. The fellowship awarded will be 67,850 NIS for the year (50% funded by BGU management and 50% funded by the academic host\*).

\*In Humanities and Social Science disciplines where research funding is limited, a greater percentage of BGU management funding will be considered. PI’s without the necessary funds in other disciplines will also be eligible for additional funding on a case-by-case basis.

* Submissions will be accepted until **10 August 2020**. All materials should be sent to the academic host’s department.
* Decisions will be made by 25 August 2020 by the Kreitman School Committee for Advanced Studies.

**Who is eligible to apply:**

* Submissions will be accepted from:
* Israeli citizen who obtained their PhD degree within the past 5 years.
	+ Candidates to whom post-doc offers have been extended at a foreign institution between 3/2020 – 3/2021
	+ Candidates for whom post-doctoral research at a foreign institution has been terminated or curtailed because of the Coronavirus crisis
	+ Candidates that considered a Post-Doc abroad, but were unable to complete the process because of the coronavirus.
* The program is also open to exceptional students finishing their Ph.D at BGU. However, post-doc hosts will be approved only if they are in a different department from the candidate’s PhD adviser (exceptions might be made where this is not feasible).
* The fellowship period will be from 6-12 months. Scholars awarded this fellowship are eligible to apply to the regular Kreitman School post-doctoral fellowships program, for an extension of up to 24 months.

**Documents to be submitted:**

Application form (can be downloaded from the home page of the Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies <https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/kreitman_school/Pages/default.aspx>).

* CV of the candidate + PhD certificate
* A short [up to 2 pages] research plan.
* A letter from the academic host summarizing the reason for hosting the post-doc candidate + letter

of commitment stating the budget source for the post-doctoral fellowship support (50%)

* Offer letter from a foreign institution **or** a letter indicating that a post-doc research position has been terminated due to the pandemic **or** Names and affiliation of two Professors abroad, with whom the applicant intended to apply for a post-doctoral position.
* 2 recommendation letters, one from an institution that is not the Ph.D’s host institution (to be sent directly to the Department office).